

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition for artificial leather comprising:

a water-borne polyurethane resin (A), a crosslinking agent (B), and a thickener (C),

wherein said water-borne polyurethane resin (A) has a softening temperature of less than 80 °C and a viscosity of the melt at 80 °C of less than  $10^5$  Pa · s, and

wherein a softening temperature of a cured product obtained after curing a reaction product between said water-borne polyurethane resin (A) and the crosslinking agent (B) is higher than 120°C and said thickener (C) is a surface active agent in the system of an association-type polymer.

2. (Previously Amended) An aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition for artificial leather according to claim 1, wherein said water-borne polyurethane resin(A) has a weight-average molecular weight ranging from 2,000 to 200,000 and has at least two active hydrogen atom-containing groups, which are reactive with isocyanate groups.

3. (Previously Amended) An aqueous dry laminated adhesive composition for artificial leather according to claim 1, wherein said crosslinking agent (B) is a polyisocyanate crosslinking agent.

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4. (Presently Canceled)

5. (Previously Amended) An aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition for artificial leather according to claim 1, wherein said aqueous dry laminate adhesive composition further comprises aqueous dispersible colorants which are obtained by coating surfaces of pigment particles with an aqueous dispersible resin.

6. (Withdrawn)

7. (Withdrawn)